

Hopkinton Planning Board
Minutes
January 29, 2008

Chairman Bruce Ellsworth opened the Hopkinton Planning Board meeting of Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at 6:00 PM in the Hopkinton Town Hall. Members present: Celeste Hemingson, Michael Wilkey and Edwin Taylor. Absent: Timothy Britain, Jane Bradstreet, Bethann McCarthy, Scott Flood, Clarke Kidder and Cettie Connolly.

I. Pursuant to RSA 675:3 & 7, Planning Board held a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance. A full-text of proposed amendments was available at Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's website www.hopkinton-nh.gov. This was the second public hearing held concerning the proposed amendment. The first public hearing was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

- Replace Paragraph 5.4.7 Junk Vehicles with new language that clearly indicates that no more than one uninspected motor vehicle may remain within any residential district unless the vehicle and its parts are enclosed within a building.

Full-text of proposed amendment:

~~5.4.7 Junk Vehicles- Uninspected Vehicles: Two or more junk, unregistered, or inoperable automobiles or other vehicles originally designed for public or private transportation purposes or the parts to said vehicles shall not remain within any residential districts unless such vehicles and/or its parts are enclosed within a building.~~ No more than one unregistered and uninspected motor vehicle may remain within any residential district unless the vehicle and its parts are enclosed within a building.

The intent of the amendment is to include the requirement that vehicles be inspected. The amendment is as a result of concerns with uninspected or junk vehicles on properties within residential districts.

Ken Wilkens of Carriage Lane addressed the Board inquiring about the definition of a "building". In response, Chairman Ellsworth read the definition outlined in the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

"A combination of any materials, whether portable or fixed, having a roof, and enclosed within exterior walls or firewalls, built to form a structure for the shelter of persons, animals or property. For the purpose of this definition, "roof" shall include an awning or any similar covering, whether or not permanent in nature."

Motion made by Mrs. Hemingson, seconded by Mr. Wilkey, to recommend the adoption of the proposed amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Chairman Ellsworth declared the meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Planning Board is Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall.

Karen L. Robertson
Planning Director